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SUBJ: LUNCHEON AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY

1. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS THE AMBASSADOR AND SENIOR OFFS
OF THIS EMBASSY HAVE ENTERTAINED AND BEEN ENTERTAINED AT
LUNCH BY THE SOVIETS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. WE WERE THE HOSTS ON
SEP 11, 1975; THEY FINALLY RECIPROCATED ON FEB 8.

2. THE LUNCH AND THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE SOVIET AMB'S
RESIDENCE CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS GRACIOUS AND FRIENDLY.
IN THE TOASTS THROUGHOUT THE MEAL THE EMPHASIS WAS
ON THE IMPORTANCE OF US-USSR RELATIONS FOR THE PEACE OF
THE WORLD, THE MANY SIMILARITIES OF OUR TWO PEOPLES, AND
THE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY TO ACHIEVE SHARED
OBJECTIVES. IN INDIVIDUAL CONVERSATIONS AND GENERAL REMARKS
THE SOVIETS WERE AT PAINS TO LET NOTHING CONTROVERSIAL
INTRUDE. TWO GENTLE PROBLEMS, ON AN AVANT GARDE BULGARIAN
FILM AND ON CHINA, ATTEMPTED BY ONE OF THE AMERICAN
OFFS PRESENT, WERE TURNED ASIDE MOST POLITELY, WITHOUT
RHETORIC OR A RENDITION OF THE PARTY LINE. (ON THE CHINESE,
THE SOVIET DCM SAID MERELY THAT THE RUSSIANS FIND THEM DIFFICULT
TO UNDERSTAND). SEVERAL TYPICAL SOVIET THEMES WERE TOUCHED ON,
PRINCIPALLY THE QUALITY OF OUR TWO NATIONS AND THE NECESSITY THAT
WE RECOGNIZE THAT EQUALITY. THE SOVIET AMB SAID OUR NATIONAL
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CHARACTERS (HE DESCRIBED THEIRS AS "SWEEPING AND DRIVING",
OURS AS "EFFICIENT AND PRACTICAL") WERE REALLY COMPLIMENTARY,
AND WORKING TOGETHER WOULD THEREFORE BE PRODUCTIVE. DAVIS

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